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PROJECT UPDATE

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INTRODUCTION

The following report provides outlines of significant projects in the Fundy Region of New Brunswick (Charlotte, St. John and Kings counties) which may have economic and/or social impacts on our area.

Information sources include direct contact with the specific organizations featured in the projects, government press releases, newspaper clippings and the Building Inspector for the City of Saint John.

Input is welcomed on these and other projects.

PROJECT UPDATE

FUNDY REGION OF NEW BRUNSWICK

PROJECT: IRVING TISSUE CO. LTD.
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $50-100 Million
STATUS: completed September 1989

COMMENTS: This project includes conversion of the Kimberly Clark tissue plant for the establishment of Irving Tissue. An expansion was necessary to house a three-storey papermaker. The machine makes crepe wadding for toilet paper, napkins and other tissue products at 6,000 feet per minute (200 tonnes a day). Up to 40 new jobs will be created.

PROJECT: GANONG BROS. EXPANSION
LOCATION: St.Stephen
COST: $12 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: Ganong Bros. is in the process of having a new candy manufacturing plant constructed which will be attached by a corridor to the present distribution centre on Chocolate Drive. The 133,000 square foot plant, will house the office and manufacturing centres.

PROJECT: SHOPPING VILLAGE
LOCATION: St. Stephen
COST: $6-10 Million
STATUS: planned

COMMENTS: A shopping village including a department store, boutiques, a major food store, a hotel and even a zoo has been proposed by Dalfen Ltd. The project would provide at least 100 permanent jobs with additional jobs during the construction phase. No start date has been established.

PROJECT: CANADIAN PATROL FRIGATE PROGRAM
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $6.2 Billion
STATUS: In progress

COMMENTS: Saint John Shipbuilding Ltd. was awarded the Federal Government's Canadian Patrol Frigate Program. Phase I and Phase II include the construction of twelve frigates costing $6.2 billion. All 12 frigates should be complete by 1998.

PROJECT: CANDU III NUCLEAR POWER PLANT
LOCATION: Lepreau (proposed site)
COST: $1.4 Billion
STATUS: proposed

COMMENTS: New Brunswick has received a formal proposal for a second nuclear power unit in the province. The CANDU III would have the potential power generation of close to 400 megawatts. If constructed, it would be the first of its type in the world.

PROJECT: SUSSEX CHEESE PLANT
LOCATION: Sussex
COST: $2 Million
STATUES: completed mid-1989

COMMENTS: This plant is a joint venture of Dairytown Products Ltd. and G.E. Barbour Inc. It is designed to produce four million pounds of cheese per year (4[illegible]00 pounds of cheese twice daily) for distribution in the Atlantic region.

PROJECT: AMPAL PALLETS
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $14.6 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: At a 30,000 square feet plant being built in McAllister Industrial Park, Ampal Pallets will produce light weight metal pallets and containers for air cargo, food processing and pharmaceutical organizations. The company will employ up to 140 people by the end of 1989.

PROJECT: SHOPPING MALL
LOCATION: Quispamsis
COST: $6-10 Million
STATUS: completed late 1988

COMMENTS: The Food Group has completed the construction of a 77,000 square foot shopping mall in Quispamsis. The mall includes grocery, discount, department, drug and video stores, a bank and several small shops and boutiques.

PROJECT : ST. MALACHY'S HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATIONS
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $4 Million
STATUS: completed

COMMENTS: General upgrading of existing buildings included: window replacement, and electrical and mechanical upgrading. In addition, air exchange and sprinkler systems were added. An extension includes a new gym, guidance area, library and computer/technology area.

PROJECT: CARDIAC SURGERY UNIT
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $12 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: Renovations are underway at the Saint John Regional Hospital for a cardiac surgery unit scheduled to open in the spring of 1991. The $12 million start-up cost will be funded by the private sector ($4 million) and the provincial government ($8 million). Specialized cardiac services will include cardiac catheterization, drug therapy and angioplasty. Fifty new permanent jobs will be created by the project.

PROJECT: MOORE-CLARK FISH FEED PLANT
LOCATION: St. Andrews
COST: $8 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: Moore-Clark, a Canadian fish feed manufacturer, is in the process of building an $8 million dollar plant, on a seven-acre lot in Champlain Industrial Park, near St. Andrews. The feed mill, with an annual production capacity of 20,000 tonnes, is expected to be operational by April 1990. Up to 30 jobs will be created.

PROJECT: CIVIC CENTRE
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $30 million (est.)
STATUS: proposed

COMMMENTS: In early 1985, Market Square Corporation updated a feasibility study for Saint John's long-awaited Civic Centre. The project is presently in the design and funding stages and no start date is planned.

PROJECT: CITY MARKET RENOVATIONS
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $3 million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: Additional renovations to the historic City Market are in progress. The side streets bordering the market will be glassed over and used as a mall site directly connected to the market. The project is expected to be completed by late 1989.

PROJECT: SAINT JOHN DOWNTOWN RENOVATIONS
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $4-6 million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: The City of Saint John continues renovations to its downtown streets. Commencing in 1989, final projects are expected to be completed in 1990.

PROJECT: BI-CAPITOL THEATRE PROJECT
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $10-20 Million
STATUS: on hold

COMMENTS: A citizens' group was successful in the task of raising $1 million dollars to acquire one of Canada's first and most acoustically sound theatres. Renovations are being carried out to restore this theatre to an active state once again, providing theatre facilities unequalled anywhere in Canada.

PROJECT: WESTFIELD R.C.M.P. DETACHMENT
LOCATION: Westfield
COST: $2 Million
STATUS: planned

COMMENTS: For operational purposes, it has became necessary for expansion of R.C.M.P. facilities in Westfield. Construction contracts are presently under negotiation and the project could commence during the last half of 1989.

PROJECT: NBTEL DIGITAL SWITCHING PROJECT
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $2-4 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: A major expansion to Saint John's digital switching system is in progress to provide additional capacity to meet the growing demands of Saint John area residents.

PROJECT: NBTEL DIGITAL SWITCHING PROJECT
LOCATION: Kings County
COST: $1 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: Construction is in progress for a digital remote switch, branching from the host switch in Rothesay, for Kennebecasis Park, Belleisle Creek, Hatfield Point and Hampton. This will extend digital capacity and will enable NBTel to better serve their customers.

PROJECT: SUSSEX JUNIOR HIGH
LOCATION: Sussex
COST: $7 Million
STATUS: planned

COMMENTS: This new junior high will have 19 classrooms including facilities such as: recreation centre, library, art centre, home economics centre, business education, science centre, cafeteria and gymnasium. Construction should be complete by mid-1990.

PROJECT: HAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL
LOCATION: Hampton
COST: $7 Million
STATUS: planned

COMMENTS: It will be a 17-classroom facility including: recreation centre, gymnasium, cafeteria, stage and support services, art centre, home economics department, business education department, science centre and music department. Construction should be complete by early 1990.

PROJECT: ST. STEPHEN JUNIOR HIGH
LOCATION: St. Stephen
COST: $5 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: The complete renovation of St. Stephen Junior High will house 475 students and the new district office. The most significant renovations will be the large cafeteria, which will seat over 300 students, and a conversion from oil to electric heat. In addition, there will be a newly- renovated gym, library, science lab and shop. New art and music facilities will also be available. Project completion is expected by 1989 year-end.

PROJECT: SUSSEX HEALTH CARE CENTRE
LOCATION: Sussex
COST: $4 Million
STATUS: on hold

COMMENTS: The Sussex Health Care Centre will create more space for expansion of several departments including: radiology, emergency and administration. New services will also be made available such as occupational and respiratory therapy.

PROJECT: SENIOR CITIZENS' COMPLEX
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $3.5 Million
STATUS: proposed

COMMENTS: A senior citizens' project, sponsored by St. Peters Church, is presently in the design stage. If approved the complex will be located on Douglas Avenue in close vicinity to buses, malls, churches, etc. The facility is designed to meet the growing demand for seniors' housing in the Saint John area.

PROJECT: RTE. 7 MARTINON INTERCHANGE TO RTE. 1
LOCATION: St. John County
COST: $15 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: This project includes twinning of approximately 4.7 km. of existing highway between the Martinon Interchange and Route 100 and construction of 2.2 km. of new four lane divided highway to connect to Route 1 the Saint John throughway with major interchanges. This project is expected to be completed in 1991.

PROJECT: COLTON BROOK TO HAMPTON HIGHWAY
LOCATION: Kings County
COST: $6-10 Million
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: This project would entail the construction of 15.2 km of highway. Phase I has been under construction since winter 88-89. Two contracts have been called on phase I and $3.8 million has been tendered to date. The completion date is not definite.

PROJECT: IRVING OIL PROCESSING PLANT
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: N/A
STATUS: in progress

COMMENTS: Irving Oil Ltd. is constructing a petroleum processing plant on Bayside Drive which will also provide packaging for various products.

PROJECT: IRVING PULP & PAPER POLLUTION CONTROL
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $7 million
STATUS: completed August 1989

COMMENTS: Irving Pulp and Paper has completed the installation of an addition to a pollution control scrubber unit installed in 1979 to control odour and gas emissions.

PROJECT: BAYSIDE WHARF EXPANSION
LOCATION: Bayside, Charlotte County
COST: $10 million
STATUS: completed September 1989

COMMENTS: The project, which is part of Transport Canada's public ports program, extended the existing wharf by 150 metres to provide a total of 241 metres of wharf space. This means that ships will no longer have to anchor to wait for a berth.

PROJECT: OFFICES AND PARK DEVELOPMENT
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: N/A
STATUS: Planned for 1992 completion.

COMMENTS: The Saint John Port Corporation is planning to develop a buffer of offices and park space between the port and west side homes. The project involves constructing a $1.5 million perimeter road. The offices will house both port and general business facilities.

PROJECT: McALLISTER PLACE EXPANSION/SEARS
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $30 million
STATUS: Sears opened August 1989
Official mall opening November 1989

COMMENTS: An expansion to the McAllister mall complex has resulted in the establishment of a 132,000 sq. ft. Sears department store, making it the largest in the Atlantic provinces. This, together with an expansion to the mall, has resulted in the facility adding an additional 250,000 sq. ft. to the original 200,000 sq. ft. In effect, the complex expanded from 48 stores to 115 stores, making it one of only two regional shopping centres in New Brunswick.

PROJECT: SAINT JOHN POST OFFICE RENOVATIONS
LOCATION: Saint John (Prince William and Canterbury Annex)
COST: $93 million
STATUS: planned

COMMENTS: Work will include restoration of the post office's facade, add a new roof and windows, and replace electricity and heating systems. Also complete renovation to the annex. Various federal government offices will be housed in the building.

PROJECT: LANTIC SUGAR
LOCATION: Saint John
COST: $15 million
STATUS: completed 1989

COMMENTS: Project involved the installation of two large conditioning silos which remove moisture. Lantic Sugar, which employs 325 people has been around for 75 years and produces 300,000 tonnes of sugar per year, about one third of all Canada's consumption needs.

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